

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Washington, DC 20250

**Notice CP-546**

**For:** State and County Offices

**Required Acreage Reports**

**Approved by:** Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Program

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**1 Background**

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The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (the Act) provides that acreage reports for 2002 through 2007 are required for all cropland on a farm as a condition of the receipt of direct and counter-cyclical payments, loan deficiency payments (LDP's), and marketing assistance loans for that farm.

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**Purpose**

This notice:

- informs County Offices of revised acreage report requirements
- obsoletes Notice CP-544.

**2 Revised Acreage Report Requirements**

**A**

**General Requirements**

The requirement to report all cropland on the farm as a condition of receipt of direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, LDP's, and marketing assistance loans applies beginning with the 2002 crop year. Producers are required to file an acreage report for **all** cropland on the farm before DCP payments can be issued.

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**Disposal Date**

December 1, 2002

**Distribution**

State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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### 2 Revised Acreage Report Requirements (Continued)

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##### **General Requirements (Continued)**

The Act does not change the current acreage reporting requirements for PFC's, loans, LDP's, and NAP. The requirements of 2-CP, subparagraph 17 B must be met by the applicable reporting dates in 2-CP, Exhibit 6. If an acreage report is late-filed for these programs, a late-filed fee must be charged according to 2-CP, paragraph 21.

**Note:** Refer to Notice PF-181 for late-filed acreage reports taken for history purposes only.

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##### **New Requirement for 2002**

The requirement to report all cropland on the farm as a condition of receiving Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) payments, LDP's, and marketing assistance loans, applies beginning with the 2002 crop year. Producers who participate in DCP will be required to have filed an acreage report for **all** cropland on the farm before DCP payments can be issued. Producers who participate in LDP's or marketing assistance loans will be granted an extension for filing an acreage report for **all** cropland on the farm. In these situations, late-filed fees will not be charged

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##### **2003 Through 2007 Required Acreage Reports**

Required acreage reports for 2003 through 2007 shall be filed by the reporting dates established in 2-CP and shall include **all** cropland. Reports taken after these dates will be considered late-filed and late-filed fees will apply.

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##### **County Office Action**

County Offices shall notify producers of the requirement for reporting all cropland to be eligible for DCP benefits, marketing assistance loans, and LDP's using all available means.

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